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# Public Hunting Program Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2012-2013

Thank you for your interest in public hunting opportunities in the Fort Worth District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We manage 25 lake projects in Texas for multiple benefits of flood damage reduction, water supply, outdoor recreation, and environmental stewardship of federal lands and waters. Hunting activities are one of the many tools that the Corps utilizes in the management of our natural resources. We work in close partnership with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) and several other entities to provide you with safe and enjoyable hunting opportunities on approximately 188,000 acres of public land at 23 of the 25 lakes. This booklet is designed to give you an overview of the rules and regulations that apply to the public hunting program as well as a few specific facts about each lake. If you are interested in finding more information about any particular lake, we encourage you to contact that lake directly and speak with one of our park rangers or natural resources specialists. Look in the "Lake Information" section for contact addresses and phone numbers.

If you have enjoyed hunting at Corps lakes in past years, you are probably aware that the public hunting program is dynamic and continues to change as a result of public comment, and in reaction to changes in state and federal wildlife rules and regulations. Our lakes differ substantially from one another as do our stewardship responsibilities. Therefore, it is important to check with us each year for possible changes in the program. Also, please realize every lake will have its own rules with regard to type of game taken, method of hunting, dates, permits, etc.

Your safety is our concern. Hunting on public lands is a unique recreation experience and a valuable natural resource management tool. However, since it is public land, the safety of our visitors is our main priority. Hunters are required to follow all safety regulations set forth in this guide as well as those issued by the lake staff where you are hunting and state law. They are not meant as a hindrance, but as a way to ensure that the hunting program continues to be a safe and enjoyable experience for years to come.

As a hunting enthusiast, we invite you to visit our national website at <a href="http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil">http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil</a>. This website is tailored to provide a broad overview of natural resources and recreation programs at all Corps lakes. The District website at <a href="http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/index.htm">http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/index.htm</a> includes links to general information for each of the 25 lakes in the District. If you enjoy camping, you might also consider visiting another website at <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">http://www.recreation.gov</a>. Through this site, you can reserve a campsite at most Corps, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service and other Federal recreation agency campgrounds.

We hope you enjoy your visit. Remember to take your children and grandchildren with you as you enjoy our project lands. If you have questions, please call our Natural Resources and Recreation Section in Fort Worth, Texas at 817-886-1530.

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# **Frequently Asked Questions About the Hunting Program**

# 1. What are the requirements to hunt on Corps of Engineers lakes?

Hunters are required to comply with the Corps of Engineers requirements and all state and federal hunting laws. Hunters are advised to call or write to the individual Corps lake offices for specific hunting requirements for that lake.

**Residents**: While hunting, persons 17 years of age or older must carry on their person: (1) a valid State of Texas hunting license; (2) a valid driver's license or personal identification certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety; and (3) a valid Corps of Engineers hunting permit (if required); (4) a hunter education card (if required)

**Non-residents** must carry on their person: (1) a valid State of Texas hunting license; (2) a valid driver's license or personal identification certificate issued by the agency in their state or country of residence that is authorized to issue driver licenses or personal identification certificates; and (3) a valid Corps of Engineers hunting permit (if required).

# 2. What is a Corps of Engineers valid hunting permit?

A Corps of Engineers hunting permit is required to hunt at many of the lakes listed in the Lake Information section of this guide. A hunting permit is a document issued by the Corps at the respective Corps of Engineers lake offices. The permit is valid only at the lake office where issued and authorizes written permission for a hunter to hunt on Corps managed land. A permit is valid only when used by the individual named on the document, while hunting in the proper area(s) and during the proper open hunting season. Failure to comply with permit conditions, or violation of state hunting regulations on Corps land, will result in revocation of the permit and loss of hunting privileges for up to two years at all Fort Worth District lakes where hunting permits are required.

#### 3. Why do some projects issue permits and others do not?

14 lakes in the Fort Worth District currently require some type of Corps of Engineers hunting permit. The permits are necessary for a variety of reasons including prevention of overcrowding, improvement of public safety, separation of incompatible users, better management of the wildlife resources, or to offer special opportunities.

# 4. How do I obtain a Corps of Engineers hunting permit?

Corps hunting permits are issued at individual lake offices and are valid only at the lake where issued. Hunters are advised to call or write to Corps lake offices to obtain hunting information, maps, and permit applications. Hunters who are required by state law to complete a Hunter Education training course must present proof of course completion and, if 17 years or

older, will be required to sign a Corps of Engineers Waiver of Liability statement. Persons age 12-17 are eligible to obtain a permit, but can hunt only under the immediate supervision of an authorized supervising adult accompanying them at all times.

# 5. What are the hunter education requirements?

The State of Texas requires every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born after September 2, 1971, to successfully complete a Hunter Education training course. The basic hunter education information available on the TPWD website can be found at <a href="http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter\_education/required.phtml">http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter\_education/required.phtml</a>. The minimum age of certification is 9 years. If you were born after September 2, 1971 and you are:

- Under 9 years of age, you must be accompanied\*.
- Age 9 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be **accompanied**\*.
- Age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral", and you must be accompanied\*.

**Hunter Education Deferral** (cost: \$10) Allows a person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program to defer completion for one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current year. A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Take the course by August 31 of the current license year and receive a \$5 discount. The one-time Hunter Education Deferral is available at license vendors and went into effect September 1, 2004.

\*Accompanied means: By a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before September 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting. Note: Certification is not required to purchase a hunting license.

# 6. What minimum age restrictions are in effect on public hunting areas?

**Corps Non-Permit Lakes:** No age requirement.

**Corps Permit Lakes:** Any person with a valid hunter's education certificate may hunt at a Corps permit lake under the following conditions:

- a. Persons under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a "permitted" adult 17 years of age or older.
- b. Persons 17 years of age and older must sign the Corps of Engineers Waiver of Liability statement and show proof of a valid hunter's education card to the lake office or proof of exemption, e.g. state drivers license, to obtain a valid hunting permit.

# 7. How much does it cost to hunt on Corps of Engineers property?

At this time the Corps does not charge a user fee to hunt; however, some lakes charge an administrative fee applicable to the hunting program. Somerville Lake charges an administrative fee for a permanent (season long) waterfowl blind permit. Lake Georgetown and Wright Patman Lake charge Special Activity Fees for hunting and ATV access permits. These fees are lake specific. For more information, see the specific lake section in this guide or contact the lake office.

# 8. Are the seasons, bag limits, application times, and time limit the same as in State Regulations?

The State of Texas sets the bag limits and seasons. However, the Corps of Engineers may further restrict any of the above in an effort to better manage the resources. Hunters are advised to call or write to the individual Corps lake offices for specific hunting requirements.

#### 9. Can I build a blind or have a tree stand?

All lakes allow temporary non-bark penetrating portable tree stands, as well as temporary free-standing blinds such as towers, platforms, tent-style, and natural blinds. However, each blind, regardless of use, must be completely removed from the land or water upon completion of each hunting day or as specified at individual lakes. All blinds must have the hunter's name, date of installation, address, and phone number written legibly and placed at the entry point of the blind in a conspicuous location. If proper identification is not present, the structure may be impounded and/or removed.

Natural blinds may be constructed by gathering loose and/or dead vegetation. Cutting of grass, shrubs, trees, or any other vegetation is strictly prohibited except at Georgetown, Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes, where live cedar up to 4 inches in size may be cut for use with no stub greater than 2 inches remaining above ground.

Temporary blinds for deer or waterfowl do not require a fee. A limited number of permanent (season long) waterfowl blinds are allowed only at Somerville Lake; however, hunters must obtain a special lakeshore use permit from the Somerville Lake Office to install these blinds. Refer to the information on Somerville Lake for specific requirements.

# 10. Are there weapons and/or means and methods restrictions on public hunting areas?

The "Means and Methods" restrictions as required under state law apply to all Corps of Engineers hunting areas with the following additional requirements:

a. Hunting or shooting within 600 feet of homes, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, farm and ranch yards, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

- b. Pistols are prohibited.
- c. Buckshot (any shot size large than #2 shot) is prohibited anywhere on government property. Buckshot is prohibited due to increased public safety concerns. Shotguns with rifled slugs are allowed when hunting deer and feral hogs except at those lakes which restrict deer and feral hog hunting to archery only.
- d. Crossbows may be used in accordance with state law when hunting deer and feral hogs unless prohibited at specific lakes.
- e. <u>Muzzleloaders</u>: Muzzle-loading shotguns may be used at any lake which allows the use of a conventional legal shotgun as defined by state law. Muzzle-loading rifles may be used only at Lake O' the Pines, Town Bluff, Sam Rayburn, and Wright Patman Lakes as stated in the Lake Information section of this guide.
- f. The use of conventional center-fire or rim-fire rifles is prohibited at all lakes, except Lake O' The Pines and Wright Patman Lake as stated in the Lake Information section of this guide.
  - g. The use of pellet, BB, or any other type of air gun is prohibited at all lakes.
- h. Archery equipment for bow fishing must comply with TPWD regulations <a href="http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/pwd\_lf\_t3200\_1559/">http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/pwd\_lf\_t3200\_1559/</a> and will not take place within 600 feet of homes, developed parks, roads, farm and ranch yards, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas.

# 11. Must I wear hunter orange?

**Corps Non-Permit Lakes:** No, but the proper wearing of hunter orange is highly recommended for hunter safety. Please refer to the information for Sam Rayburn Lake for specific requirements on wearing hunter orange.

**Corps Permit Lakes:** Yes. Hunters (and anyone accompanying the hunter) must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material (144 square inches on both chest and back) when hunting and are also required to wear some type of orange head wear. Hunters exempt from this requirement are: persons hunting deer/turkey/feral hog during the archery only season and persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail).

# 12. What vehicle restrictions are in effect on Corps of Engineer areas?

The operation of all vehicles, including, but not limited to, motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV's), bicycles, automobiles, trucks, and any other vehicles (see CFR Title 36, Section 327.2 (a) for vehicle definition) off authorized roadways is prohibited. Exception: ATV permits are available at Wright Patman Lake.

Vehicles must be parked on Corps designated areas or along roadsides on Corps property without blocking the passage of other vehicles or gate openings. Parking on other public roadways is at your own risk and contacting local law enforcement is recommended. Access to the interior of designated hunting areas is authorized by foot or boat only.

# 13. Are there any special allowances for individuals with disabilities?

Persons with permanent walking disabilities (a disability that <u>permanently</u> prevents walking) may apply for permission to enter a hunting area by means other than foot. The applicant must present a physician's certification of that condition to qualify for vehicle use inside a hunting area. Site managers have the discretion to approve or deny any application based on natural resource protection, safety or other concerns. If approved, a special event permit specifying time and duration of hunting availability may be issued to the disabled person. Additionally, site managers have the option to allow the use of crossbows for persons with an upper limb disability to hunt deer and turkey only during the "Archery Only" Season as defined by TPWD and any lake specific seasons. An upper limb disability is defined, as a permanent loss of the use of fingers, hand, or arm in a manner that renders a person incapable of using a bow and documentation, as described above, is required.

# 14. What authorized (legal) game may be hunted on Corps of Engineers lands?

The only authorized game allowed to be taken is those game species listed in the "Legal Game" section for each lake. Hunting game species not listed in the information guide is prohibited, including species such as rattlesnakes, skunks, crows, coyotes, javelina, etc. Note: Possession of manual or electronic varmint calling devices, baits or lures is prohibited while hunting.

Sport chasing is allowed for raccoons, foxes and coyotes only, except where prohibited under the Lake Information section of this guide (Aquilla & Waco Lakes). Possession of a firearm, archery equipment, or any other weapon while sport chasing these animals is prohibited. Possession of calling devices, baits or lures is prohibited while sport chasing the animals.

Dogs may be used to hunt rabbit, squirrels, game birds and migratory game birds in compliance with TPWD regulations. The use of dogs to hunt deer is prohibited. Feral hog hunting with dogs is allowed at some lakes. Please check with the lake office for specific regulations.

# 15. May I target shoot on Corps of Engineers lands?

Shooting for practice or at targets is prohibited. Discharging any weapon (including archery equipment) is allowed only during authorized hunting activities and only during the attempt to take game.

# 16. May I trap animals on Corps of Engineers lands?

Trapping is prohibited. The possession of traps, snares, baits, tranquilizers or scent lures are prohibited for use on Corps lakes. Feral hog trapping is allowed at some lakes. Please check with the lake office for specific regulations.

# 17. Who enforces the hunting laws and regulations on Corps of Engineers lands?

State and Federal Game Wardens, as well as local law enforcement personnel, enforce the state and federal hunting laws respectively. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers implement the regulations and safety requirements of the Corps of Engineers hunting program at each lake.

# 18. Is baiting allowed on Corps of Engineers hunting lands?

A hunter may **not** hunt migratory birds with the aid of bait or on or over any baited area. Contact the site manager of a specific lake for information on using corn to bait deer or other game animals. Note: Hunters are responsible for knowing whether an area is baited or not.

#### LAKE INFORMATION

# Aquilla Lake

285 CR 3602 County: Hill

Clifton, TX 76634-3396 Acreage: 4,000 acres (254) 694-3189 Corps Permit: Required

www.CorpsLakes.us/Aquilla

http://whitneylakehunting.tamu.edu/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, turkey, feral hog, and deer. <u>Season</u>: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: Deer hunting is by archery only. Other game may be hunted with a shotgun, but no shot larger than #2 may be used or carried. Sport chasing is prohibited. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each day's hunt.

#### **Bardwell Lake**

4000 Observation Drive County: Ellis

Ennis, Texas 75119-1339 Acreage: 2,528 acres (972) 875-5711 Corps Permit: Not Required

(972) 875-9711 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Bardwell

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/bardwell/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl and feral hogs.

Season: From September 1 through March 31 as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for

this county.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: Hunting of feral hogs permitted only north of State Highway 34 by use of archery or by shotguns with slugs. Dogs will not be used for hunting of feral hogs. Night hunting is prohibited.

#### **Belton Lake**

3740 FM 1670 Counties: Bell/Coryell Belton, Texas 76513-7783 Acreage: 3,900 acres (254) 939-2461 Corps Permit: Not Required

(254) 939-8150 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Belton

# www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/belton/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, quail, rails, snipe, squirrel, rabbits, and waterfowl.

Season: From September 1 through 30 March as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for

these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

#### Benbrook Lake

P.O. Box 26619 (mailing address) County: Tarrant
Fort Worth, Texas 76126 Acreage: 1,400 acres
Corps Permit: Required

7001 Lakeside Drive (physical address) Fort Worth, Texas 76132

(817) 292-2400 (817) 346-0021 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Benbrook

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/benbrook/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, quail, turkey, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, and deer.

<u>Season</u>: From September 1 through January 25 as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual and Texas Waterfowl Digest for Tarrant county. No spring season for turkey hunting. <u>Muzzleloaders and Crossbows</u>: No muzzleloaders. Crossbows are only allowed following TPWD hunting regulations.

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: The number of applicants is limited and hunters are encouraged to call the lake office for details. Deer and turkey hunting is by archery only. A computer drawing is held to determine the hunters for each season. Other game may be hunted with a shotgun, but no shot larger than #2 may be used or carried. Sport chasing is prohibited. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each hunting permit period. All persons seeking a permit should contact the Benbrook Lake office for permit instructions. Hunting permit information for Benbrook Lake is located at the above website.

#### Canyon Lake

601 COE Road County: Comal Canyon Lake, Texas 78133-4129 Acreage: 0

(830) 964-3341 (830) 964-2215 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Canyon

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: None

Season: CLOSED TO HUNTING

# Cooper Dam (Jim Chapman Lake)/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Cooper WMA

828 CR 4795 Counties: Delta/Hopkins Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482-3501 Acreage: 9,460 acres (903) 945-2108 Corps Permit: Not Required

(903) 945-2922 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Cooper

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt//wma/find\_a\_wma/list/?id=6

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\_bk\_w7000\_0112a\_731.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

<u>General</u>: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

#### Lake Georgetown

500 Lake Overlook Drive County: Williamson

Georgetown, Texas 78633-8238

Acreage: 3,000 acres (512) 930-5253

Corps Permit: Required (512) 863-4769 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Georgetown

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, deer, and feral hogs.

Season: From September 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013 as published in the Texas

Outdoor Annual for Williamson county.

Muzzleloaders: No

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: Deer and feral hog hunting are by archery only. A computer drawing is held for deer and feral hog permits. All hunting except archery hunting for deer is closed during "Archery Only" season as set by TPWD. An archery proficiency test and hunter safety

certification is required for deer and feral hogs. A \$25 non-refundable application fee is assessed for archery hunting. If drawn, archery permits are \$90. Small game permits are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis at no charge. Only 50 small game permits will be issued each season. Contact the Lake Georgetown office at (512) 930-5253 for further details.

# Granger Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)/ Granger WMA

3100 Granger Dam Road County: Williamson Granger, Texas 76530-5067 Acreage: 10,887 acres (512) 859-2668 Corps Permit: Not Required

(512) 859-2934 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Granger

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find\_a\_wma/list/?id=9

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\_bk\_w7000\_0112a\_709.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.

<u>General</u>: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit and Public Hunting Drawing System Programs. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

# **Grapevine Lake**

110 Fairway Dr.County:DentonGrapevine, Texas 76051-2028Acreage2,300 acres(817) 865-2600Corps Permit:\*Required

(817) 865-2601 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Grapevine

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/grapevine/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, feral hogs, deer and coyotes.

<u>Season</u>: Hunting is allowed between the opening day of dove season and the last day of August the following year. Specific hunting seasons are published by Texas Parks and Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Deer Hunting permits will be issued in a lottery system. Quota permits for deer will be issued based on current best management practices for White Tailed Deer populations, and harvest guidelines. The application must be submitted in person to 110 Fairway Drive,

Grapevine, TX 76051, June 1st – July 31st, 2012, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding federal holidays. Successful applicants will be posted online by August 24th. Applications can be obtained at the Grapevine Lake Office or on the web beginning June 1st, 2012. Applications may also be mailed in, but successful applicants must pick up their permit in person at the lake office. Each deer hunter must submit the hunter survey at the end of the season to be eligible for next season's lottery draw.

Special Youth Only Deer Hunting. Youth season permits will be issued to licensed hunters 16 years of age or younger. A Texas Parks and Wildlife Special Hunting License may be required to hunt. Applicants that are 16 years old must show proof of hunter education or be accompanied, 15 years and younger must be accompanied. Accompanied means by a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before Sept. 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control while hunting. The hunting period will be from October 1st, 2012 to October 14th, 2012. 150 permits will be issued to first come first serve applicants with a properly filled out Grapevine Lake Youth Deer Hunting Application. The application can be submitted in person to 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051, June 1st, 2012, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding federal holidays until the last of the 150 permits is issued. Applications can be obtained at the Grapevine Lake Office or on the web beginning June 1st, 2012. All deer hunters must submit the hunting survey at the end of the hunting season.

500 Migratory Bird Hunting First come -first serve permits will be issued to applicants with a properly filled out Grapevine Migratory Bird Hunting Application.. The amount of permits will be based on the hunting areas capacity for a safe, enjoyable, quality and most of all sustainable hunting experience for the public. PERMITS WILL BE LIMITED. Applications will be accepted and permits will be issued from June 1st 2012 until the last of the 500 permits is issued. All applications can be submitted in person to 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday excluding federal holidays. Applications can be obtained at the Grapevine Lake Office or on the web beginning June 1st, 2012.

800 General Hunting permits will be issued for Hogs, Squirrel, Rabbits, Dove, Turkey and Coyote. First come -first serve permits will be issued to applicants with a properly filled out Grapevine General Hunting Application. Applications will be accepted and permits will be issued from June 1st 2012 until the last permit out of the 800 is issued. All applications can be submitted in person to 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday excluding federal holidays. Applications can be obtained at the Grapevine Lake Office or on the web beginning June 1st, 2012.

Hog Trapping permits will be issued in a lottery system and will be extremely limited due to accessibility to corps property. The application must be submitted in person to 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051, June 1st – Sep 30th, 2012, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding federal holidays. Successful applicants will be notified by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be obtained at the Grapevine Lake Office or on the web beginning May 27, 2012. All rules and regulations specific to hog trapping will be attached to permit application.

<u>Selection process</u>: <u>Muzzleloaders</u>: No

Crossbows: per TPWD guidelines and restrictions.

# **Special Restrictions:**

- 1. Deer and feral hog hunting are by archery only with the exception of special hog trapping permit.
- 2. Shotguns using #3 or smaller shot may be used for general and migratory hunting permit.
- 3. All waterfowl hunters are required to be in or on the water while hunting waterfowl. "In or on the water" is defined as being at least six (6) feet into the water from the shoreline, either wading, in a floating blind, or in a boat. Shore-based blinds are not permitted.
- 4. Sport chasing is not allowed.
- 5. Taking of hogs with the use of dogs is not authorized.

#### **Hords Creek Lake**

230 Friendship Park Road County: Coleman Coleman, Texas 76834-8741 Acreage: 936 acres (325) 625-2322 (325) 625-5079 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/HordsCreek

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: None

Season: CLOSED TO PUBLIC HUNTING. Hunting is restricted to organized events for

disadvantaged youth.

#### Joe Pool Lake

P.O. Box 872 Counties: Dallas/Ellis/Tarrant Cedar Hill, Texas 75106-0872 Acreage 4,000 acres (972) 299-2227

(972) 299-2228 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/JoePool

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: None.

Season: **CLOSED TO HUNTING** 

Special Restrictions: Field trials with dogs may be authorized by special event permit.

Contact the lake office for further information and permit conditions.

#### Lake O' the Pines

2669 FM 726 Counties: Camp/Harrison/

Jefferson, Texas 75657-4635
(903) 665-2336
(903) 665-8441 (fax)
Www.CorpsLakes.us/LakeOPines

Marion/Morris/Upshur
4,500 acres
Not Required

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lakeopines/

<u>Legal Game</u>: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties. <u>Season</u>: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes

Special Restrictions: Rifle hunting for deer or feral hogs is only authorized for hunting areas south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek and for hunting areas north of Highway 155. For all other areas, hunting for deer or feral hogs is restricted to shotguns with slugs, muzzle loading rifles, and legal archery equipment. Hunters (and anyone accompanying the hunter) must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material (144 square inches on both chest and back) when hunting and are also required to wear some type of orange head wear. Hunters exempt from this requirement are: Persons hunting deer/turkey/feral hogs during the archery only season, persons hunting squirrels outside of the deer firearms season, and persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail.) Subject to certain restrictions, permits to use all terrain vehicles (ATVs) at the hunting area south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek will be available for persons with a "permanent, ambulatory disability" and permits will be available beginning 8 September 2008. ATV rider certification (available at ATV dealers) is also required to qualify for an ATV permit. Antlerless deer may be harvested during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons, antlerless deer may be harvested by youth in accordance with TPWD restrictions. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only. They are only to be left for periods of 72 consecutive hours or less and must be clearly marked with the owner's name, address, telephone number, and date of placement. All hunting is prohibited from 1 June through 31 August. Due to a special white-tailed deer hunting event held for physically challenged hunters, the hunting area south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek will be closed to all other users from 12 December through 18 December 2011 and 5 January through 8 January 2012. Please call or write the lake office for additional information.

Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #4 non-toxic shot or larger) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except that a person who possesses a hunting license may take and possess nutria, provided the nutria (or any part thereof) is not to be sold. Reasonable efforts must be taken to retrieve harvested nutria and remove them from the lake, and Government property, upon the end of the hunt.

#### Lavon Lake

3375 Skyview Drive County: Collin Wylie, Texas 75098-5798 Acreage: 6,500 acres (972) 442-3141 Corps Permit: Required (972) 442-1109 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Lavon

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lavon/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, snipe and feral hog.

Muzzleloaders: No

Feral Hogs: Bow and crossbow only.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: Permit required for all species. Archery only for feral hogs. \*A hunter survey must be returned to the Lavon Lake office to obtain a permit for the following year.

#### Lewisville Lake

1801 N. Mill St.County:DentonLewisville, Texas 75057-2311Acreage:8,000 acres(469) 645-9100Corps Permit:\*Required

(469) 645-9101 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Lewisville

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lewisville/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, snipe, rails, feral hogs, waterfowl and turkey. <u>Season</u>: Hunting for legal game (listed above) allowed as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Denton County. The hunting area will open September 1, 2012 and close August 31, 2013.

Means and Methods Restrictions: Muzzleloaders, Rifles and Pistols will NOT be allowed. Special Restrictions: Archery only for feral hogs, all other legal game may be taken with a shotgun using shot size not larger than #2. To obtain a hunting permit for Lake Lewisville a valid hunter education certificate is required regardless of age. You may get a one time waiver, which may be obtained through Texas Parks and Wildlife. Requests for hunting information should be directed to the Lewisville Lake Office at 469-645-9100. The area north of Highway 380 has been leased to the City of Denton and any hunting in that area will be administered by that city. Hunting information for that area can be obtained by calling (940) 349-8230.

#### Navarro Mills Lake

1175 FM 667 Counties: Hill/Navarro Purdon, Texas 76679-3187 Acreage: 5,500 acres

(254) 578-1431 Corps Permit: Required for deer only (254) 578-1166 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/NavarroMills www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/navarro/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, raccoons, waterfowl, and feral hogs. Deer by permit only.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

Muzzleloaders: No Crossbows: Yes

Special Restrictions: A limited amount of feral hog trapping will be available from September 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 on a first come, first served basis by contacting the lake office. The hunting of feral hogs is by archery only during the general gun season for deer. Whitetailed deer hunting permits by archery only will be issued via random drawing of applicants. The hunting season for white-tailed deer will be partitioned into two periods, with a separate drawing for each hunting period. Selected applicants may hunt the allotted Wildlife Management Area (WMA) for the duration of the selected time period and hunters cannot deviate or hunt other areas from the assigned WMA. Available hunt dates will be assigned to drawn applicants according to the preference of date codes indicated on their application. No substitutions may be made for the persons listed on the applications or on the hunt permits. Electronic calling devices are prohibited. Baiting is limited to hand baiting during issued permit period only. Feeders and baiting mechanisms/devices are prohibited. Only one buck may be harvested per person and antlerless deer harvest is prohibited. Must follow state regulations on deer antler restrictions (refer to the TPWD outdoor annual for more information). Contact the Navarro Mills Lake office at (254) 578-1431 or refer to the lake website for additional information (see above website).

# O.C. Fisher Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

3900-2 Mercedes Ave. County: Tom Green San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638 Acreage: 4,000 acres (325) 944-7085 Corps Permit: Not Required

(325) 944-1418 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/OCFisher

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\_bk\_w7000\_0112a\_1166.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.

<u>General</u>: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

San Angelo State Park 3900-2 Mercedes San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638 Hunting Coordinator – Pat Bales (325) 949-4757

#### O.C. Fisher Lake/ASU Area

3900 Mercedes Ave.

San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638

(325) 949-4757

ASU Permit:
Fee:

Required
Yes

http://www.angelo.edu/dept/agriculture/hunting.html

Administration: Angelo State University

Legal Game: Turkey and deer.

Season: As set by Angelo State University

<u>Special Instructions</u>: Apply to Deer Hunt Research Project, Box 10888, ASU Station, San Angelo, TX. 76909. Hunters may call (325) 942-2027 or 2389. Hunters are chosen by public

drawing for three hunts each year.

#### **Proctor Lake**

2180 FM 2861 County: Comanche Comanche, Texas 76442-7410 Acreage: 2,500 acres (254) 879-2424 Corps Permit: Required

(254) 879-2341 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Proctor

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/proctor/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, and feral Hogs

Season: Feral Hogs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, all else as published in the Texas

Outdoor Annual for this county.

Muzzleloaders: No Crossbows: Yes

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: A permit is required to hunt waterfowl in developed wetland areas, as well as for all hunting for dove, feral hogs and small game. No permit is required for hunting waterfowl on the main lake. Hunting of dove, feral hogs, and small game is limited to the Wildlife Management Areas. A random drawing is administered to determine hunters for each wetland area. Application forms are available at the Proctor Lake office or online. For additional information regarding permit requirements or to insure receipt of an application packet for the 2012-2013 seasons, please contact the lake office at (254) 879-2424.

# Ray Roberts Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)/Ray Roberts Lake WMA

1801 N. Mill St. Counties: Cooke/Denton/Grayson

Lewisville, Texas 75057-5057 Acreage: 11,811 acres

(469) 645-9100 Corps Permit: Not Required

www.CorpsLakes.us/RayRoberts

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find\_a\_wma/list/?id=20

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd bk w7000 0112a 501.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

<u>General</u>: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

# Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir

7696 RR 255 West Counties: Angelina/Jasper/

Jasper, Texas 75951-9511 Nacogdoches/Sabine/

(409) 384-5716 San Augustine

(409) 384-6076 (fax) Acreage: 6,000 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

www.CorpsLakes.us/SamRayburn www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/samray/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties. Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes

Special Restrictions: Antlerless deer may be harvested during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons, antlerless deer may be harvested by youth in accordance with TPWD restrictions. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only; they are only to be left for periods of 72 consecutive hours or less and must be clearly marked with the owner's name, address, telephone number, and date of placement. Hunters (and anyone accompanying the hunter) must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material (144 square inches on both chest and back) when hunting and are also required to wear some type of orange head wear. Hunters exempt from the hunter orange requirement are: Persons hunting deer/turkey/feral hogs during the archery only season, persons hunting squirrels outside of the deer firearms season, and persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail). Camping outside designated areas is prohibited. Baiting for any species is prohibited, including feral hogs and white-tail deer.

Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #4 non-toxic shot or larger) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except that a person who possesses a hunting license may take and possess nutria, provided the nutria (or any part thereof) is not to be sold. Reasonable efforts must be taken to retrieve harvested nutria and remove them from the lake, and Government property, upon the end of the hunt.

Feral Hogs may be harvested as long as a valid Texas hunting license is possessed. Dogs may be used to aid in the harvest of feral hogs outside of ANY open white-tail deer season from one half hour before sunrise till one half hour after sunset. The use of traps to take feral hogs is prohibited.

#### Somerville Lake

1560 Thornberry Drive Counties: Burleson/Washington

Somerville, Texas 77879-6347 Acreage: 3,000 acres (979) 596-1622 Corps Permit: Required

(979) 596-1493 (Fax) Admin. Fee: Yes - \$50.00 for seasonal waterfowl blind locations

# www.CorpsLakes.us/Somerville

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Waterfowl, feral hog

<u>Season</u>: Waterfowl and feral hog hunting as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: Seasonal waterfowl blind locations and feral hog hunting compartments are by **permit** only. Somerville Lake also offers a public waterfowl hunting area that is first-come, first-serve and free of charge. Please contact the lake office for further details or by visiting the following link for any of these hunting opportunities.

http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/somerville/Recreation/Hunting.asp

# Somerville Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)/Somerville WMA

14222 Park Road 57Counties:Burleson/LeeSomerville, Texas 77879-6418Acreage:3,180 acres(979) 535-7763Corps Permit:Not Required

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find\_a\_wma/list/?id=52 http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\_bk\_w7000\_0112a\_711.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

<u>General</u>: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this portion of the project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this

# area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

#### **Stillhouse Hollow Lake**

3740 FM 1670 County: Bell

Belton, Texas 76513-7783 Acreage: 4,451 acres (254) 939-2461 Corps Permit: Not Required

(254) 939-8150 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/StillhouseHollow www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil.stillhouse/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, quail, rails, snipe and waterfowl.

Season: From September 1 through the end of goose season as published in the Texas

Outdoor Annual for this county. Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: State of Texas Outdoor Annual, Hunting and Fishing Regulations, Restricted Areas in Counties, state, "It is against the law to hunt on water of Stillhouse Reservoir or land adjacent to the reservoir owned by the federal government in **BELL** county, except for game birds hunted with a shotgun. A hunter must be 600 feet from the nearest private property line

#### Town Bluff Dam & B.A. Steinhagen Lake

890 FM 92Counties:Jasper/TylerWoodville, Texas 75979-9631Acreage:875 acres(409) 429-3491Corps Permit:Not Required

(409) 429-3188 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Steinhagen

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/townbluff/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, deer, and feral hogs. Alligators, only

in conjunction with TPWD special hunts.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: Antlerless deer may be harvested during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons, antlerless deer may be harvested by youth in accordance with TPWD restrictions. Tree stands are

restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only; they are only to be left for periods of 72 consecutive hours or less and must be clearly marked with the owner's name, address, telephone number, and date of placement. Hunters (and anyone accompanying the hunter) must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material (144 square inches on both chest and back) when hunting and are also required to wear some type of orange head wear. Hunters exempt from the hunter orange requirement are: Persons hunting deer/turkey/feral hogs during the archery only season, persons hunting squirrels outside of the deer firearms season, and persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail). Camping outside designated areas is prohibited. Hunting outside of designated hunting seasons is prohibited. Hog hunting is allowed only during deer season.

Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #4 non-toxic shot or larger) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except that a person who possesses a hunting license may take and possess nutria, provided the nutria (or any part thereof) is not to be sold. Reasonable efforts must be taken to retrieve harvested nutria and remove them from the lake, and Government property, upon the end of the hunt.

# B.A. Steinhagen Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)/Angelina-Neches/Dam B WMA

890 FM 92Counties:Jasper/TylerWoodville, Texas 75979-9631Acreage:13,000 acres(409) 429-3491Corps Permit:Not Required

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find\_a\_wma/list/?id=27 http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\_bk\_w7000\_0112a\_707.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

General: Angelina-Neches/Dam B Wildlife Management Area lands (Unit 707) on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

#### Waco Lake

 3801 Zoo Park Road
 County:
 McLennan

 Waco, Texas 76708-5559
 Acreage:
 3,000 acres

 (254) 756-5359
 Corps Permit:
 Required

 (254) 756-3433 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Waco www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/waco/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, spring turkey (gobblers only), feral hogs, waterfowl, and deer.

<u>Season</u>: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county. Small game may be hunted after deer season until Turkey season.

<u>Crossbows:</u> Yes <u>Muzzleloaders:</u> No

<u>Special Conditions</u>: Applications may be obtained at the lake office. Only shotguns and archery allowed at Waco Lake based on federal and city ordinance. Trapping is prohibited in all hunting areas and parks.

#### Small Game

Small game includes squirrel, rabbit, and feral hog. Small game permits will be issued the first day after deer season closes, around mid January and will be valid until the first day of spring Turkey season, around the first of April. No permits will be issued during the summer months.

Small game may be taken by shotgun only (no buckshot) or legal archery/crossbow equipment only. Dogs will only be allowed for rabbit and feral hogs but must be written and verified on the permit by a Park Ranger.

# <u>Turkey</u>

Turkey permits will open for application on February 1. Only one gobbler may be taken per permit or per group. Small game including feral hogs may not be taken at any time during spring Turkey season. No permit limits will apply.

#### Dove, Waterfowl

Permits will open for application on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Permitted hunters will have access to all hunting zones on USACE lands at Waco Lake Project. These permits will not have a limit on them.

#### Deer Archery

Archery Permits will open for application on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Deer stands/blinds may not be left on corps property unattended. Legal permitted hunters may hunt all hunting zones.

Crossbows are legal archery equipment. No permit limits will apply.

# Deer Gun Season

USACE will start accepting applications for the Deer Drawing July 15<sup>th</sup>. The drawing date will be determined prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. The drawing will be at Airport Beach Pavilion. Shotgun and slugs are the only type of firearm that will be permissible for this season. Hunters may carry in bait with them. No feeders or other type of baiting equipment is allowed. Any bait should be spread by hand. Pre scouting prior to your hunt is not advisable.

NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED DURING SUMMER MONTHS AFTER TURKEY SEASON HUNTERS MUST CARRY REQUIRED PERMIT WITH THEM WHEN HUNTING USACE PROPERTY

HUNTERS MUST OBEY HUNTING REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE STATE OF TEXAS

# **Whitney Lake**

285 CR 3602 Counties: Bosque/Hill/Johnson

Clifton, Texas 76634-3396 Acreage: 14,000 acres (254) 622-3332 Corps Permit: Required

(254) 622-3243 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/Whitney

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/whitney/

http://whitneylakehunting.tamu.edu/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, turkey, feral hog, and deer. Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

<u>Special Restrictions</u>: Deer hunting is by archery only. Other game may be hunted with a shotgun, but no shot larger than #2 may be used or carried. Sport chasing is prohibited. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each day's hunt. Because of the special white-tailed deer hunting event that will be held for physically challenged hunters at Steiner Valley (H6) the first two weekends in November, the Steiner Valley area (H6) will be closed to hunting October 22 through November 14, 2012. All persons seeking a hunting permit for Whitney and Aquilla Lakes should contact the Whitney Lake office for permit instructions.

# **Wright Patman Lake**

64 Clear Springs Park Counties: Bowie/Cass
Texarkana, Texas 75501 Acreage: 54,358 acres
(903) 838-8781 Corps Permit: Yes, ATV permit

(903) 832-6396 (fax)

www.CorpsLakes.us/WrightPatman

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/wrightpatman/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>Legal Game</u>: Mourning dove, bobwhite quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, feral hog, white-tailed deer, and eastern wild turkey.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

<u>Muzzleloaders and Crossbows</u>: Yes, for white-tailed deer and feral hogs only.

# **Special Restrictions:**

- Hunters (and anyone accompanying the hunter) must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material (144 square inches on both chest and back) when hunting and are also required to wear some type of orange head wear.
- Hunters exempt from the hunter orange requirements are: Persons hunting deer/turkey/feral hogs during the archery only season, persons hunting squirrels outside of the deer firearms season, and persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail).
- Rifles are authorized for hunting in most areas.
- For all areas due east of the dam and north of the Sulphur River, including the area east of US Highway 59, hunting for deer or feral hogs is restricted to shotguns with slugs, muzzle leading rifles, and legal archery equipment.
- Primitive Camping and Hunting Access Road maps showing emphasized No Hunting Areas are available at the Project Office and all park gate houses.
- Hunting or shooting within 600 feet of homes, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, concentrated livestock areas with holding pens, the outlet structure, the emergency spillway, or other lands and water areas posted by the Corps of Engineers is prohibited.
- Antlerless deer may be harvested during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons, antlerless deer may NOT be harvested by youth.
- Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only; they are only to be left for periods of 72 consecutive hours or less and must be clearly marked with the owner's name, address, telephone number, and date of placement.
- All terrain vehicle (ATV) use is prohibited, except by permit only in the Clear Springs and Big Creek Wildlife Management Areas (encompassing 3,700 acres).
  - o Permits will be distributed at the Clear Springs Park gate house on September 15, 2012 beginning at 9 AM on a first come first serve basis.
  - o Only one permit per person per season will be allowed.
  - All individuals purchasing a permit MUST provide proof (certificate) at the time of purchase showing that the individual has completed a certified ATV safety course.
  - o Permits are \$35 each.
- Due to two special hunting events, the Clear Springs Wildlife Management area will be closed to all but the participants in the events from November 26 to December 2 and January 12 to January 13.
- Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #4 non-toxic shot or larger) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or

attempt to take nutria, except that a person who possesses a hunting license may take and possess nutria, provided the nutria (or any part thereof) is not to be sold. Reasonable efforts must be taken to retrieve harvested nutria and remove them from the lake, and Government property, upon the end of the hunt.

<u>Special Restrictions for Bow Fishing</u>: Bow fishing will not be allowed within 600 feet of a developed park, roadway, fishing pier, fishing platform or at any other areas posted at the project. Bow fishing is prohibited within the outlet structure and emergency spillway areas with no exceptions. Bow fishing will be allowed in those areas east of US Highway 59 below the spillway on the Sulphur River and in remote locations on Wright Patman Lake.

#### Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability

This liability statement allows entry upon lands owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers for hunting. Permittee is not allowed to hunt until this statement is signed. The Corps of Engineers does not know the proficiency of the other participating hunters, and the Corps specifically does not make any warranty or representation of any type, kind or character, whatsoever, as to existing conditions upon said lands for hunting purposes. Any person entering upon such lands enters at his or her own risk, impliedly accepts such lands in the existing conditions, and recognizes that all hunting is potentially dangerous because of the use of firearms/bows by hunters of varying degrees of proficiency, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in this public hunting program, I as parent or guardian of any accompanying minor, unconditionally release and hold harmless the Corps of Engineers against and for all liability, cost, expenses, claims and damages for which the Corps might otherwise become liable by reason of any accidents, or injuries to or death of any persons, or damage to property or both, in any manner arising or resulting from, caused by, connected with or related to the presence of any such person upon such lands and premises, regardless of how, where, or when such injury, death or damage occurs even if caused by the negligence of the Corps of Engineers, its agents, servants, or employees, or due to conditions or operation on or defects in the premises. I, the Permittee, have read this release and understand all its terms. I execute it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

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	(last name)	(first name)	(middle initial)

# **Fort Worth District Lakes**

